



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) La Mesa – Two Arrested for Arson on Chase Bank Building During Violent May Demonstration

(U) On May 30, 2020, an arson was set at a Chase Bank during a demonstration in La Mesa, causing significant damage to the building. Alexander Jacob King, 19, was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail on felony charges of Arson of a Structure and Looting. Ricky Bernard Cooper, 33, was also arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail on felony charges of Arson of a Structure as well as four separate counts of Looting related to various businesses in the La Mesa area.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [FBI](#)

(U) Ontario – Burglars Steal Riot Gear from Army National Guard Armory

(U) Someone cut through a fence and burglarized the Army National Guard armory in Ontario getting away with riot gear and other equipment but apparently no firearms. Ontario police Officer Eliseo Guerrero, a department spokesman, said the stolen items included expandable batons, shields, face shields, body restraints and megaphones. No information on possible suspects or motive in the burglary were available.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [San Gabriel Valley Tribune](#)

(U) Sacramento – TSA Finds Two Loaded Firearms, Two Stun Guns in One Week

(U) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said officers found two loaded firearms and two stun guns in carry-on luggage this week at the Sacramento International Airport. In all four instances, the travelers were able to continue with their flights, TSA said. The firearms and ammunition were confiscated, with their owners cited on state charges after TSA informed the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. TSA will review the circumstances of the incidents and levy a civil penalty against each of the travelers, officials said.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [Fox40](#)

(U) San Diego – Police Storefront Hit with Vandalism, Incendiary Device

(U) Vandals struck a San Diego police storefront in Balboa Park, scrawling anti-police messages and setting off an incendiary device. Police arrived to find charring and burning outside the door, and a broken window. There was also a smell of gas and an anti-police message was written on the ground. Investigators also found an incendiary device at the scene. The Metro Arson Strike Team is investigating.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) Van Nuys – Man Sentenced to 15 Years for Fentanyl Deal Leading to Fatal Overdose

(U) A judge sentenced a Van Nuys man to 15 years in prison after he admitted to selling drugs to a man who then suffered a fatal overdose. James Dorion Rodriguez, 29, of Van Nuys, pleaded guilty in December to one count of distribution of fentanyl resulting in death, US Attorney's Office officials said. Authorities believe he meant to perform a cocaine deal in March 2018 but gave his customer the highly potent opioid fentanyl instead. The drug buyer, a 23-year-old man, took the drugs then suffered a fatal overdose about 20 minutes later, officials said. Rodriguez continued to sell drugs after his customer's death, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Nearly \$4 Million of Heroin Seized at Checkpoint

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents assigned to the Interstate Highway 35 checkpoint defeated an attempt to smuggle black tar heroin. During an immigration inspection of the driver and passenger, the driver exhibited extremely nervous behavior. The vehicle was referred to secondary inspection where a scan revealed 20 greased bundles hidden inside two vehicle drive shafts that were being transported in the bed of the pickup. The bundles were determined to contain black tar heroin. They had a total weight of 45.68-pounds with an approximate street value of \$3,920,224. The driver and passenger, both US citizens, were placed under arrest.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Multiple Proud Boys Stabbed in Knife Attack

(U) Washington – Members of the far-right Proud Boys group gave been injured in a knife attack, according to reports. One of the victims, Enrique Tarrio, is alleged to be the chairman of the group. Activist Bevelyn Beatty is also said to have been stabbed. The DC Police Department has confirmed that a stabbing took place on the 700 block of 14th Street Northwest. The victims are being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

SOURCE: 4 November 2020, [Newsweek](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Cyber Command Expands Operations Against Russia, China and Iran

(U) Washington – US Cyber Command expanded its operations aimed at identifying malicious foreign cyber actors before the presidential election, conducting missions to not only seek out Russian hackers, but those from all major adversaries, including Iran and China, a US official confirmed. Cyber operations against foreign actors, across the whole spectrum of offensive and defensive measures, began ahead of the election and will continue after the final ballot is cast.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Michigan – Jewish Cemetery Defaced with Graffiti

(U) Grand Rapids – A Jewish cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was vandalized with pro-Trump graffiti that was discovered the same day the president visited the city for his final campaign rally of the 2020 election. "Six headstones in the cemetery were spray painted with 'Trump' and/or 'MAGA.'" Grand Rapids police said the incident is under investigation. It is unknown when the vandalism occurred, and there are currently no suspects, police said.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [NBC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Austria – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Attack

(U) Vienna – The Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) claimed responsibility for an attack in Vienna that killed at least four people, without providing evidence, in a statement from the group's Amaq News Agency posted on Telegram. The statement was accompanied by a picture of a bearded man, named "Abu Dagnah Al-Albany," saying he attacked crowds in central Vienna before he was killed by police.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [Reuters](#)

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(U) United Kingdom – Terror Threat Level Raised to ‘Severe’ After Europe Attacks

(U) London – Britain raised its terror threat level to severe, its second-highest level, following recent attacks in Austria and France. The threat level of severe means an attack in the United Kingdom is considered highly likely. The level had previously been at substantial, meaning an attack is thought to be likely. The decision announced by Home Secretary Priti Patel came after a man armed with an automatic rifle stormed through the center of the Austrian capital of Vienna, killing four people before police shot and killed him.

SOURCE: 3 November 2020, [AP News](#)

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